

Public Sector Undertakings in Bihar

3413. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have identified those Public Sector Undertakings of Bihar which are not functioning satisfactorily for the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to improve the working capacity of these undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b). There out of fifteen Central public sector enterprises having their registered offices in the State of Bihar have incurred losses during the last 3 years, i.e. 1987-88, 1988-89 and 1989-90 upto which period only the information is available. These enterprises are M/s. Bharat Refractories Limited, Engineering Projects (India) Limited and Projects and Development India Limited. Some of the main reasons for the losses are escalation of input costs, surplus manpower, power shortages, low capacity utilisation, etc.

(c) Improving working capacity of these undertakings is a continuous process. Enterprise specific remedial action is taken by the Government and the enterprise concerned. Some of the measures taken are modernisation and rehabilitation plans; financial, managerial and organisational restructuring; change in product-mix, etc.

Drinking Water Supply in Bihar

3414. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a special scheme to supply

drinking water in Chhota Nagnpur-Santhal Pargana area in Bihar with the assistance of World Bank or any other international agency is being launched;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the expenditure involved in each scheme and when it is likely to be completed;

(d) whether the work under the said scheme has been delayed; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Pending Projects of Bihar on Drinking Water

3415. SHRI LALIT ORAON: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the projects forwarded by the Government of Bihar for approval to the Union Government in 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 in regard to the problem of drinking water;

(b) the action taken on each of them separately till date; and

(c) the amount sanctioned by the Union Government for this purpose during the above periods?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) The State Government had forwarded the following schemes for technical clearance in 1989-90.

<i>Name of Scheme</i>	<i>Name of District</i>	<i>No. of Village</i>	<i>Amount (Rs. in lakhs)</i>
<i>Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP)</i>			
1. Drilled tubewells, Sanitary wells,	Dhanbad Hazaribagh Ranchi Deogarh Gaya Nowadah Aurangabad Munger Bhagalpur Bhojpur Jehanabad	3199 Partially covered	1615.00
2. 1 Piped water supply scheme	Patna Nalanda Munger	480 Partially covered	52.352
3. 1808 number of tubewell with iron removal plants	Saharsa Purnia Katihar		211.93
4. 4 schemes for utilisation of exploratory tube wells constructed by CGWB	Munger	4 villages (Partial to full coverage)	34.93
5. 3 water supply schemes for construction of sanitary wells, drilled tubewells, etc.	Sahebganj	444 Partially covered	178.972
<i>Technology Mission</i>			
6. Construction of handpump and awareness programme	Singhbhum		317.172

As regards, the projects for 1990-91 and 1991-92, powers were delegated to State Governments including Government of Bihar for technical clearance of schemes. The schemes under ARWSP are now cleared by the State Government. However, the following projects for bilateral assistance were received on 28.1.91 from the State Government of Bihar:-

Water supply scheme for Nirsia and adjoining villages of Dhanbad district at an estimated cost of Rs. 7.279 crores.

- Project for seven iron endemic districts of North Bihar at a cost of Rs. 109.5 crores.

(b) All the above projects received from the Government of Bihar were given technical clearance. The projects for bilateral assistance have been referred to the Planning commission for comments. Thereafter, these will be sent to the Ministry of Finance (Department of Economic Affairs) for posing for bilateral assistance.

(c) Central assistance is not sanctioned on project/schemewise basis. However, the following Central assistance has been released to the State Government of Bihar under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme and Mini-Mission Projects during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92:-

Stock already in the hands of FCI

(In Million Tonnes)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Wheat</i>	<i>Rice</i>	<i>Paddy in terms of Rice</i>
1st April, 89	2.07	3.93	0.04
1st April, 90	2.70	6.88	0.36
1st April, 91	3.87	9.79	0.70
1st Oct., 91 (Prov)	4.55	6.21	0.26

<i>Year</i>	<i>Releases (in crores)</i>
1989-90	28.63
1990-91	24.42
1991-92	20.59

[English]

Stock Position of FCI

3416. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN:
SHRI A. CHARLES:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to refer to the reply given to USQ No. 16 on November 20, 1991 and state:

(a) the stock position in respect of major grains in the hands of the Food Corporation of India as on April 1, 1989, April 1, 1990, April 1, 1991 and October 1, 1991;

(b) the quantities procured during 1989-90 1990-91 and 1991-92 (upto 30th September, 1991) in respect of these grains; and

(c) the total value of stocks in hand as on April 1, 1989, April 1, 1990 and April 1, 1991 and September 30, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c). The required information is as under: